Section 16 ATF Trace Information

Date of firearm first purchase: FPDate

Name	Definition
FPDate	Date the firearm was first purchased, according to trace results

Uses

This data element will be used by sites that work with a local police agency and the ATF to receive trace information about guns used in fatalities. The date the gun was first purchased can be used, for example, to help identify the "time to incident" (the length of time between the first purchase of a gun and its use in a homicide or other fatality).

Discussion

The data entry program will accept partially unknown dates (e.g., 99/99/1989). Note: a variable (First Purchaser) that documents whether the victim or suspect was the first purchaser of the gun is described in the Weapon-Person Relation section.

Name	Label	Table	Type	Field length	Priority	Primacy
FPDate	Date of firearm first purchase:	Weapon	Text	10	O	ATF

Response Options:

FPDate

88/88/8888	Not applicable (no trace done)
99/99/9999	Unknown

Data Standards or Guidelines

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City of firearm first purchase: FPurPl
State of firearm first purchase: FPSt

Name	Definition
FPurPl	City where the firearm was first purchased, according to trace results
FPSt	State where the firearm was first purchased, according to trace results

Uses
These data elements will be used by sites that work with a local police agency and the ATF to receive trace results on guns used in fatalities. The city and state where the gun was first purchased can be used, for example, to track the number of guns whose sale originated locally vs. out of state.

Discussion
City is coded using FIPS 5-digit place codes. See the discussion of FIPS place codes that accompany the variable "Place" (person's city of residence).

Name	Label	Table	Type	Field length	Priority	Primacy
FPurPl	City of firearm first purchase:	Weapon	Number	5	O	ATF
FPSt	State of firearm first purchase:	Weapon	Number	2	O	ATF

Response Options:
FPurPl
99999   Unknown
FPSt

1	Alabama
2	Alaska
4	Arizona
5	Arkansas
6	California
8	Colorado
9	Connecticut
10	Delaware
11	District of Columbia
12	Florida
13	Georgia
15	Hawaii
16	Idaho
17	Illinois
18	Indiana
19	Iowa
20	Kansas
21	Kentucky
22	Louisiana
23	Maine
24	Maryland
25	Massachusetts

26   Michigan
27   Minnesota
28   Mississippi
29   Missouri
30   Montana
31   Nebraska
32   Nevada
33   New Hampshire
34   New Jersey
35   New Mexico
36   New York
37   North Carolina
38   North Dakota
39   Ohio
40   Oklahoma
41   Oregon
42   Pennsylvania
43   Puerto Rico
44   Rhode Island
45   South Carolina
46   South Dakota
47   Tennessee
48   Texas
49   Utah
50   Vermont
51   Virginia
53   Washington
54   West Virginia
55   Wisconsin
56   Wyoming

IMPORTER

Firearm importer's name: ImpNm
Firearm importer's city: ImpCt
Firearm importer's state: ImpSt

Name	Definition
ImpNm	Name of importer
ImpCt	City of import
ImpSt	State of import

Uses

The importer's name, city and state is needed to conduct a trace by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) for firearms that are imported into the United States from other countries. Imported guns typically have this information stamped on them.

Discussion

This information is supplied by the law enforcement or criminal justice agency requesting the ATF trace. "ImpCt" is coded using FIPS 5-digit place codes. See the discussion of FIPS place codes that accompany the variable "Place" (person's city of residence).

Name	Label	Table	Field Type	length	Priority	Primacy
ImpNm	Firearm importer's name:	Weapon	Text	30	O/O/O/O	ATF/LAB/PR/CME
ImpCt	Firearm importer's city:	Weapon	Number	5	O/O/O/O	ATF/LAB/PR/CME
ImpSt	Firearm importer's state:	Weapon	Number	2	O/O/O/O	ATF/LAB/PR/CME

Response Options:
ImpNm
    88   Not applicable
    99   Unknown
ImpCt
ImpSt
    1   Alabama
    2   Alaska
    4   Arizona
    5   Arkansas
    6   California
    8   Colorado
    9   Connecticut
    10   Delaware

11	District of Columbia
12	Florida
13	Georgia
15	Hawaii
16	Idaho
17	Illinois
18	Indiana
19	Iowa
20	Kansas
21	Kentucky
22	Louisiana
23	Maine
24	Maryland
25	Massachusetts
26	Michigan
27	Minnesota
28	Mississippi
29	Missouri
30	Montana
31	Nebraska
32	Nevada
33	New Hampshire
34	New Jersey
35	New Mexico
36	New York
37	North Carolina
38	North Dakota
39	Ohio
40	Oklahoma
41	Oregon
42	Pennsylvania
43	Puerto Rico
44	Rhode Island
45	South Carolina
46	South Dakota
47	Tennessee
48	Texas
49	Utah
50	Vermont
51	Virginia
53	Washington
54	West Virginia
55	Wisconsin
56	Wyoming

Firearm stolen: Stoln

Name	Definition
Stoln	Firearm listed or reported as stolen

Uses
This information is useful for determining the source of guns used in fatalities.

Discussion
Code "Stoln" as "yes" if the gun was formally reported as stolen in ATF trace results, police records, or if the police or CME learned that the gun had been stolen during the course of the death investigation. If a household member takes a gun from another household member and uses it without his or her permission (e.g., son takes father's weapon from his drawer and shoots himself), do not code that gun as stolen unless the owner had reported the gun as stolen to the police.

Name	Label	Table	Field Type	length	Priority	Primacy
Stoln	Firearm stolen:	Weapon	Number	1	O/O/O	PR/ATF/CME

Response Options:
Stoln
- 0   No
- 1   Yes
- 9   Unknown